

**ABSTRACT**

Aqueous coating compositions comprising

- 5           A)     at least one water-dilutable (meth)acrylate copolymer with a hydroxyl value of  
            200 to 280 mg KOH/g and
- B)     at least one polyisocyanate cross-linking agent with free isocyanate groups,  
  
            the (meth)acrylate copolymers being the reaction product of
- a)     10-50 % by weight of at least one glycidyl ester derived from an aliphatic  
                  saturated monocarboxylic acid branched in alpha position,
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- c)     0-45 % by weight of at least one hydroxy-functional olefinic unsaturated  
                  monomer different from component b),
- d)     3-40 % by weight of at least one olefinic unsaturated monocarboxylic acid,
- e)     0-40 % by weight of at least one vinyl aromatic monomer and
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                  monomers a) to e),

wherein component d) is used in molar excess of component a) and the % by weight of components a) to f) adding up to 100%.